(b) and (c) There is no proposal presently under consideration to provide incentives to companies who have contributed highest amount towards excise duty.

Sale of confiscated goods

2041. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of confiscated goods lying at present in the Customs godowns at various places in the country;

(b) what is the value of confiscated goods disposed of during the last three years, year-wise, from each of the Customs godowns in the country;

(c) the manner in which the goods were disposed of;

(d) whether any of the cooperative society in Delhi was given confiscated goods for sale; if so, what is the value thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) what are the terms and conditions on which the confiscated goods were sold to the various cooperatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) As on 30th September, 1986, the total value of confiscated goods lying in various Collectorates throughout the country was about 123.6 crores (provisional).

(b) The total value of confiscated goods disposed of by various Collectorates throughout the country during the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value of goods disposed of
1983	41
1984	57
1985	79

The statistics pertaining to the value of goods disposed of from each of the Customs godowns in the country are not maintained separately.

(c) As per the policy of the Government, confiscated trade goods are sold through auction/tender. Confiscated consumer goods are sold to the Co-operative Societies approved by the Central and State Government and duly registered under the Co-operative Societies Act including National Co-operative Consumers Federation and State Co-operative Federation, military and para military canteens, etc. Confiscated gold and silver are deposited in the mint and foreign currencies are credited to the Reserve Bank of India. Heterogenous and miscellaneous goods seized in small lots are directly sold to public through customs retail shops.

(d) The total value of confiscated goods sold through Co-operative Societies in Delhi during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto September) is given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Total value of goods sold through Co-operative Stores
1984	51·75
1985	96·05
1986 (Up to September)	29·31

(e) Confiscated consumer goods are sold at fair prices fixed by the Department on "as is where is" basis. A discount of 14½ per cent over the fair prices fixed by the Department is allowed to National Co-operative Consumers Federation and 10 per cent to other Co-operative Societies. The goods are sold to these Co-operative Societies on "first come first served" basis. The Co-operative Societies are to sell these goods through their various retails outlets to public at fair

prices fixed by the Customs Department. Proper accounts about the distribution/sales are to be maintained by these agencies.

Import of coins

2042. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of coins imported during the last three years, year-wise alongwith their denominations and the countries from which the coins were imported;

(b) what is the production capacity of mints in India to manufacture coins and the number of coins of various denominations which have been manufactured in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the price paid for the import of coins including freight charges;

(d) to what extent the import of coins has eased the availability of coins to the public; and

(e) what instructions Government have issued to the Reserve Bank of India and other public sector banks about the manner in which the coins are to be distributed to the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. GADHVI): (a) Coins were imported for the first time in 1985. The information for the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 (up to 8-11-1986) is indicated below:

Denomination	Quantity imported (in million pieces)		
	1985-86	1986-87 up to 8-11-1986	Country from which imported
Re. 1	704	740	United Kingdom
50 paise	541	621	South Korea
25 paise	158	134	Canada
Total:	1403	1495	

(b) The present estimated capacity of the 3 Mints located at Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad is about 2600 million pieces per annum.

The production of coins for the last three years is indicated below:

Denomination	Production (in million pieces)		
	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Rs. 5	—	—	39·40
Rs. 2	97·72	—	—
Rs.1	186·42	258·46	427·47
50 paise	82·55	79·76	434·86
25 paise	129·79	172·7	304·78
20 paise	333·93	371·35	479·63
10 paise	120·34	285·98	478·63
5 paise	112·45	187·38	57·98
TOTAL:	1063·20	1355·70	2222·75